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25X1A TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : [ ]

ACTION:

INFO :

TOR: 0606Z 27 FEB 66

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PRIORITY

IN: 90542

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25X1A TO PRIORITY [ ] INFO [ ] CITE [ ] 25X1A

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FOR GEN LEDFORD AND MR CUNNINGHAM FROM [ ]

25X1A REF: A. [ ]

25X1A B. [ ]

25X1A C. [ ]

25X1A 1. [ ] IN COORDINATION WITH [ ] HAS PLAYED LOSS OF ARTICLE 25X1A

342 IN LOW KEY WITH NO ADVERSE REACTION FROM [ ] TO [ ] 25X1A

AS OF SUNDAY NOON 27 FEB. SCHEDULED LOCAL TRAINING WAS CANCELLED 25X1A

FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARA 2 REF A. 25X1A

[ ] WAS ADVISED THIS WAS A [ ] ACTION PENDING RECEIPT 25X1A

OF ACCIDENT INFO TO INSURE THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN 25X1A

THE TWO RECENT LOSSES. AS OF THIS TIME NEITHER [ ] OR [ ] 25X1A

25X1A HAS ADVISED [ ] THAT A HEADQUARTERS GROUNDING IS IN EFFECT. 25X1A

25X1A WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN RESUME LOCAL TRAINING AND ULTIMATELY 25X1A

OPS MISSIONS QUICKER IN THIS MANNER. SO FAR ONLY INFO PASSED 25X1A

TO [ ] IS THAT:

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GROUP 1  
EXCLUDED FROM AUTO-  
MATIC DOWNGRADING  
AND DECLASSIFICATION

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[REDACTED] (IN: 97542)

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(1) 342 WAS LOST ON A REFUELING TRAINING FLIGHT MISSION.

(2) THAT THE PILOT SUCCESSFULLY EJECTED WITH MINIMUM SCRATCHES AND BRUISES.

(3) THAT BASED ON LIMITED INFO AVAILABLE [REDACTED] IT APPEARED THAT AIRCRAFT WAS OVER-STRESSED AND LOST A WING AS A RESULT OF EXCEEDING DESIGNED LIMITS.

2. AS OF NOW THE ABOVE HAS SATISFIED THEIR CURIOSITY AND INTEREST AND NOTHING HAS APPEARED IN THE ENGLISH PRESS RE THE LOSS OF 342.

3. IN THE INTEREST OF RESUMING [REDACTED] OPERATION I RECOMMEND THAT THE HEADQUARTERS GROUNDING BE LIFTED BY MONDAY 28 FEB TO PERMIT RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS COMMENCING 1 MARCH. THIS RECOMMENDATION PRESUPPOSES THAT INVESTIGATIVE FACTS FROM 342 ACCIDENT DO NOT DICTATE OTHERWISE BY 28 FEB.

END OF MESSAGE

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